

Missouri Department of Conservation 2009 Regional Logger Awards

Southeast Region

Shannon Jarvis has been selected as the Southeast Region Logger for 2009. Shannon and his crew were nominated by Clearwater Forestry Consultants LLC, and selected a winner by foresters in the Southeast Region.



From left to right: Doug Enyart and Shannon Jarvis

The cutter on the Jarvis crew always wears a complete set of personal protective equipment and always uses directional felling techniques. He is quite skilled in putting trees down exactly where he wants them, where the skidder driver can easily access the log, and knows where the stresses are to safely top and limb the tree.

The skidder driver is equally skilled. There is hardly a single tree to be found that has been damaged due to the skidder tires or drags of logs rubbing against them. They put in water bars as needed. Shannon personally makes sure that every water bar is well placed, angled, and clear for free flow of surface runoff.

Shannon and his crew are very professional in their work. They work well together, with adjoining landowners, and with professional foresters. Moreover, they take care of the land. The Jarvis crew is the gold standard every forester would wish for on every harvest job.

Shannon was also the St. Louis Region Logger in 2008.

Southwest

Travis Yake has been logging in Missouri since 1990, and started full time right out of high school. As a third generation logger and sawmill operator, he started by assisting his father and grandfather in the business as a young boy and grew to love working with the logs. Having been around logging and forest management for decades, Travis can see the importance of actually “managing” a forest for sustainability, rather than cutting what he can make money on and moving on.



From left to right: Travis Yake and Tim Stanton

Travis was one of the first loggers to complete the Professional Timber Harvester’s Training Program in 1998. This should come as no surprise, as Travis is constantly working on being the highest level of professional in the logging business.

Travis uses what he calls “tailgate” meetings with each new job to make sure everyone on his crew understands the safety issues and the job. Integrating safety into his daily operations is a big part of Travis’ daily routine. All safety equipment is made available to every member of his crew.

As for his technical abilities in the woods, Travis is one of the best. He does all of the felling for his crew and is very good at directional felling to avoid damage to residual trees. Travis also takes the time to educate his skidder operator in the proper layout of skid trails and the value of different types of residual trees. Travis does a great job of implementing best management practices from the very beginning of the harvest process to the end.

Not only is Travis willing to work with landowners and make sure they are satisfied with his work and educated about the timber industry, but he is also willing to work with the foresters (whether government or private). Travis always seems willing to lose a little production for the day in order to help educate the forester on how and why he is doing something. He is willing to share time and information to make us better at our jobs.

Central Regional & St. Louis Region

Jim Zwyers was selected by both Central and St. Louis Regions for the logger award. Jim has all of the characteristics and attributes that make him one of the highest quality loggers in the state.



From left to right: Cathy deJong, Jim Zwyers, and Tim French

Jim is a man of outstanding character and integrity. When he gives you his word, you can take it to the bank and guarantee it will happen as he promised. He has shown that he treats all of the land that he works on, whether it is private property or public land, like it is his own and gives it the respect that it deserves. When he gets done with a harvest he wants everyone involved to feel satisfied with the job that was done and happy that they made the decision to have the harvest.

Last fall Jim bought a feller buncher for use in his harvesting activities. Jim used it extensively on Daniel Boone CA in a timber harvest of mostly small diameter trees and the results were unbelievable. There was almost no residual damage to the trees or the ground. The machine also allows him to be more efficient as he can fell the trees much quicker than a person with a chainsaw. Even though he knows the capabilities of the machine, he still makes sure to get permission from landowners before using it on their land.

Jim is also business savvy. He cuts small diameter trees and large diameter, sorts the logs and sells to the highest buyer, whether it is stave, veneer, pallet or firewood. Jim also partners with other harvesters when the opportunity is advantageous.

Jim has enough experience through the Professional Timber Harvester's Training Program and in his dealings on state land to know how and where to install good roads and trails. Jim is able to plan a road system as well as a forester could wish.

Ozark

Foresters in the Ozark Region have been working with Leroy and Kelly Frizzell (father & son) for many years – they have been logging in these woods all their lives. One of the Frizzell's concerns is sustaining our forests for future generations.



From left to right: Leroy Frizzell, Mike Fiaoni, and Kelly Frizzell

They have always been good about utilizing all they can of the marked trees and the trees they harvest. A few years ago they purchased a feller buncher, and they are taking everything out of the woods. When they get done there is little to no damage to the residual stand, no ruts, and little to no soil movement in any of the stands.

On a private landowner sale, there was a large wet bottom area that had to be crossed to get the logs out. Frizzell's, on their own, contacted the adjoining landowner and worked out a deal to be able to cross him and avoid the wet area all together. When they were done, all water bars were put in and all landings seeded.

Kelly and his crew have logged on Indian Trail Conservation Area many times. They are always easy to work with and do a fantastic job. During times of wet weather, they shut themselves down without having to be told by us. They don't work in the rain or when they would have to push their haul truck down the road with their skidder. They care about the land, the forest, their equipment, their industry, and their reputation.

Northeast

Terry Hicks is a third generation logger, and has been buying timber and logging for Cardwell Timber and Land for 30 years. Since January of 2000, Terry has been a certified logger, making him one of the first in the Northeast Region. Terry strives to ensure his entire logging operation

meets Missouri's best management practices (BMP) standards. He has worked with many foresters all over the northeast quarter of the state, and he doesn't need to be reminded to install BMPs by the sale administrator.



From left to right: Terry Hicks and Kristen Goodrich

He works hard at maintaining good water quality throughout his logging operation. He installs the appropriate low water crossings and puts rock in problem areas or in low water crossings. Terry goes above and beyond when it comes to maintaining the logging roads. At the end of each day, Terry often back blades the roads to keep them in good shape and to minimize soil erosion.

Terry fells and skids all the timber sales he purchases himself, with occasional help from his brother, to be assured that the damage is kept to a minimum. He causes very little felling and skidder damage to the remaining crop trees. He takes the time to look for the poor quality trees or undesirable species for the occasional bumper tree for skidding purposes.

Safety is important to Terry. Every time you check you will find this logger with all of his safety equipment on, even on 95 degree days. He uses directional felling techniques to reduce the potential of injury to himself and the residual trees.

Terry continuously displays professionalism, safety, and concern for his impact to the natural resources of Missouri.

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[Missouri Forest Products Association's Trained Logger List](#)

Missouri Department of Conservation Presents Logger Awards

JEFFERSON CITY, MO - The Missouri Department of Conservation recently announced that Jim Zwyers of O'Fallon was chosen the State Logger of the Year for 2009. Zwyers received his award July 25th at the Missouri Forest Products Association Summer Meeting in Lake Ozark, MO.



From left to right: John Tuttle, Lisa Allen, Jim Zwyers, Jeff Bakameyer, and Kyle Kramer

According to Jeff Bakemeyer, Missouri Department of Conservation, “Zwyers is a man of outstanding character and integrity. When he gives you his word, you can take it to the bank and guarantee it will happen as he promised.” Josh Stevens, Missouri Department of Conservation, commented that “Jim is very concerned with keeping his customers happy and works hard to make sure that they are satisfied with the harvest operation.”

Criteria for selecting a winner includes good working relationships with landowners and foresters, minimal damage to remaining trees and resources, preventions of soil erosion, aesthetics of the site after harvesting was complete, safe work performance and use of equipment, utilization of harvested trees, the desire to address wildlife management concerns, and use of proper forest management techniques. The logger must have completed the *Professional Timber Harvester's Training Program* sponsored by the Missouri Forest Products Association and the Missouri Department of Conservation.

Regional Logger Awards are also given throughout the state each year. This year the regional winners are: Shannon Jarvis (Southeast Region), Travis Yake (Southwest Region), Jim Zwyers (St. Louis and Central Regions), Leroy & Kelly Frizzell (Ozark Region), and Terry Hicks (Northeast Region).



Presentation of St. Louis and Central Regions Logger Awards
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